

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 6 to 17 with the following amended paragraph:

--Figure 1 is a plan view which, for purposes of illustration, shows both layers of scrim 9, but it will be understood that, in practice, when the tapes are tightly woven, the tapes of one layer are generally on top of those of the other layer. Scrim 9 comprises two layers, 60 and 61, attached together by means of layer-connecting tapes 40, 50. Layer 60 comprises ~~warp~~ weft tapes 1, 2, 5 and 6 interwoven with ~~weft~~ warp tapes 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 32 and 33 in a plain weave. Layer 61 comprises ~~warp~~ weft tapes 3, 4, 7 and 8, interwoven with ~~weft~~ warp tapes 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30 and 31 in a plain weave. It will be understood that the portion of the weave pattern shown in Figure 1, from ~~warp~~ weft tape 1 to 8 and ~~weft~~ warp tape 10 to 33, is repeated to form a scrim of the desired size.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 22 to 28 with the following amended paragraph:

--Layer-connecting tapes 40, 50 are woven parallel to the warp tapes, at selected spaced intervals (here, after every twelfth warp tape) and are interwoven with selected weft tapes so as to connect the two layers. In the example illustrated in the drawings, layer-connecting tape 40 is woven under weft tapes 4 and 8 of layer 61 and over the other weft tapes; and layer-connecting tape 50 is woven over weft tapes 2 and 6 of layer ~~[[of]]~~ 60 and over the other weft tapes.--